



Subject:	Request to plant trees as part of Queen's Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project
Date:	12 th February 2019
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	<p>Officers have received a request from Emma Little Pengelly, MP, to plant up to 5 small sapling trees as part of the Queen's Commonwealth Tree Canopy (QCC) project. The purpose of this report is for members to approve the planting of up to 5 indigenous sapling trees in the following locations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barnett's Demesne• Musgrave Park• Ormeau Park• King William Park• Clement Wilson Park• Wedderburn Park

1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blythfield Park. <p>The tree planting is in association with the Queen’s Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project (QCC).</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>It is recommended that Members grant authority for the planting of up to 5 indigenous sapling trees, approximately 1 metre in height, in some of the following locations in connection with the Queen’s Commonwealth Tree Canopy Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnetts Demesne • Musgrave Park • Ormeau Park • King William Park • Clement Wilson Park • Wedderburn Park • Blythfield Park.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Officers have received a request from Emma Little Pengelly, MP, to plant up to 5 small sapling trees as part of the QCC project. The tree planting is in connection with the Queen’s Commonwealth Tree Canopy (QCC) Project which was conceived by the Right Honourable Frank Field MP, and was launched at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Malta, in 2015. The QCC is a unique network of forest conservation initiatives, which involves all 53 countries of the Commonwealth.</p>
3.2	<p>The QCC is committed to raising awareness within the Commonwealth of the value of indigenous trees and forests and to saving them for future generations. It will raise the profile of the Commonwealth, demonstrating the capacity of its 53 member countries to act together as one to ensure forest conservation.</p>
3.3	<p>The QCC presents a rare opportunity to unite the whole Commonwealth family and save one of the world’s most important natural habitats – forests. By creating a pan-Commonwealth network of forest conservation projects.</p>

3.4	<p>Officers have received a request from Emma Little Pengelly, MP, to plant up to 5 small sapling trees as part of the QCC project.</p> <p>The choice of tree offered to the Council will be indigenous to Northern Ireland i.e. Betula pendula (birch), Sorbus aucuparia (Rowan) or Corylus avellana (Hazel), all approximately 1 metre high. The tree planting will take place in March 2019.</p>
3.5	<p>Officers have been informed that schools and other statutory bodies have also been invited to be involved in planting 5 other sapling trees in their respective land/sites.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no Financial or Human Resource implications other than Officer time</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.7	<p>There are no known equality or good relations issues associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None